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SUBJECT: PENANG PORT EXPANSION PROJECT IN MALAYSIA

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1. ADB \$15.1 MILLION LOAN FOR PENANG PORT EXPANSION
PROJECT APPROVED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS APRIL 18.

PRESS RELEASE WILL BE POUCHED.

2. FOLLOWING ARE ADB STAFF RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS
RAISED REF A IN SAME ORDER AS PRESENTED:

A. 32 FOOT DESIGN DEPTH AT EXISTING WHARVES IS
REALIZED AND MAINTAINED TODAY. FEW SHIPS ARRIVING AT
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PENANG ARE FULLY LOADED AS MOST SHIPS STOP AT OTHER PORTS

FIRST. LIGHTERS COULD BE USED, IF SHIP FULLY LOADED, UNTIL ENOUGH CARGO REMOVED TO PERMIT SHIP TO PROCEED TO WHARVES.

B. THREE SHIFTS WORKING DAILY. AVERAGE GENERAL CARGO HANDLING RATE PER GANG HOUR IS 8.4 TONS.

C. GROWTH OF UNITIZATION AND CONTAINERIZATION EXPECTED TO INCREASE CARGO HANDLING EFFICIENCY AT BUTTERWORTH WHARVES.

D. NO DATA IS AVAILABLE ON SEASONAL PATTERN OF SHIP DELAYS IN 1972 AND 1973. PENANG PORT COMMISSION SUPPLIED FIGURES OF WAITING TIME BASED ON EITHER NO BERTH OR NO SHED SPACE AVAILABLE. OTHER REASONS GIVEN REFTTEL WOULD APPEAR TO HAVE HAD MARGINAL EFFECT.

E. BANK STAFF MULTIPLIED ESTIMATED 886 SHIP ARRIVALS IN 1978 BY (13.7926 HOURS DIVIDED BY 24) TO GET 509 DAYS REDUCTION OF SHIP WAITING TIME. THIS FIGURE MULTIPLIED BY \$4,500 GIVES \$2,291,000.

F. LAST YEAR BANK FACT-FINDING MISSION EXAMINED PRIORITY QUESTION OF BULK CARGO TERMINAL AND CONTACTED INDUSTRIES EXPECTED TO UTILIZE IT. SUBSEQUENTLY BANK APPRAISAL MISSION AGAIN CONTACTED THESE INDUSTRIAL USERS (SEE APPENDIX 4 OF APPRAISAL REPORT). APPRAISAL TEAM FELT PROJECTIONS OF INDUSTRIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR BULK CARGO FACILITIES AT PENANG PORT (E.G. IRON ORE) WILL ACTUALLY BE TOO LOW. STAFF BELIEVES REQUIREMENTS ALREADY EXIST TO JUSTIFY PROCEEDING WITH BULK CARGO FACILITIES AT THIS TIME.
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